

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 30 remain in this application. Claims 1, 10 and 19 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 01/65,807 A2 to Waesterlid ("Waesterlid publication") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0045457 A1 to Taniguchi ("Taniguchi publication") and U.S. Patent No. 6,731,609 to Hirni, et al. ("Hirni, et al. patent"). Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Waesterlid publication in view of the Taniguchi publication, the Hirni, et al. patent and U.S. Patent No. 6,157,378 A to Bormann, et al. ("Bormann, et al. patent").

Claim 1 as amended provides, *inter alia*, each of the plurality of logon identifiers corresponding to one of the plurality of users utilizing the device ***concurrently***. Claim 10 as amended provides, *inter alia*, each of the plurality of logon identifiers corresponds to one of the plurality of users utilizing the device ***concurrently***. Claim 19 as amended provides, *inter alia*, each of the plurality of logon identifiers corresponding to one of the plurality of users utilizing the device ***concurrently***. An example of concurrent usage by multiple users is shown in FIG. 4 of the present application.

In contrast, the Waesterlid publication, the Taniguchi publication, the Hirni, et al. patent and the Bormann, et al. patent, individually or in combination, do not describe or suggest logon identifiers corresponding to a plurality of users utilizing the device concurrently, as required by

claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended. As stated at page 3, line 20, of the above Office Action, the Waesterlid publication does not specifically teach a plurality of users utilizing a device.

The Taniguchi publication describes a device that may be used by multiple users, but each user must complete any usage, by powering-off the device, before any other user may use it. The Taniguchi publication describes a shared use telephone in which the telephone memory is partitioned for storage of multiple user personal information. As shown in FIGs. 6 through 8 and described at paragraphs [0030] through [0036], a particular user's information is copied to RAM and becomes the active information of the phone when a user powers-on the device. It is important to note that the particular user's information is the only one active in the device until the device is powered-down, as represented by FIGs. 7 and 8 and paragraph [0035]. Any other user may use the device only after powering-on the device and providing log-in and password information (see paragraph [0036]). The device of the Taniguchi publication does not permit *concurrent* usage of the device by multiple users.

Likewise, the Hirni, et al. patent and the Bormann, et al. patent do not describe or suggest any type of logon identifiers that correspond to concurrent usage by users of the device. Thus, the Waesterlid publication, the Taniguchi publication, the Hirni, et al. patent and the Bormann, et al. patent, individually or in combination, do not describe or suggest logon identifiers corresponding to a plurality of users utilizing the device concurrently, as required by claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended. Therefore, claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended distinguish patentably from the Waesterlid publication, the Taniguchi publication, the Hirni, et al. patent, the Bormann, et al. patent and any combination of these references.

Claims 2 through 9, 11 through 18, 20 through 30 depend from and include all limitations of independent claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended. Therefore, claims 2 through 9, 11 through 18, 20 through 30 distinguish patentably from the Wacsterlid publication, the Taniguchi publication, the Himi, et al. patent, the Bormann, et al. patent and any combination of these references for the reasons stated above for claims 1, 10 and 19.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of claims 1 through 30 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any

questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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